

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 09-349 MJP
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	DETENTION ORDER
MARIA BARTOLA SANTOS GONZALEZ,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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Offense charged: Conspiracy to Smuggle, Transport and Harbor Illegal Aliens; Harboring  
of an Illegal Alien, Allegations of Forfeiture

Date of Detention Hearing: October 13, 2009

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and  
based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds  
that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure  
the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

(1) Defendant is a dual citizen of Mexico and the United States. She has lived in the

01 United States for many years, but also has family in Mexico.

02 (2) The nature of the instant charges involve allegations of smuggling undocumented  
03 Mexican nationals into the United States and compelling the individuals to work in order to repay  
04 the debts allegedly incurred in the course of the transport. The conspiracy involves threats of  
05 physical violence and retaliation. The Assistant United States Attorney proffered some details  
06 of alleged threats. Further, this defendant is charged in state court with third degree assault  
07 related to allegations of child molestation pending against her husband, a co-defendant in this  
08 case, allegedly committed against one of the smuggled juveniles.

09 (3) The defendant poses a risk of nonappearance due to ties to Mexico, pending state  
10 court charges, and the nature of the instant offense, which include allegations of visa fraud. The  
11 defendant poses a risk of danger due to allegations of threats of violence and retaliation against  
12 alleged victims and witnesses.

13 (4) There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will  
14 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the  
15 danger to other persons or the community.

16 It is therefore ORDERED:

17 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the  
18 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent  
19 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody  
20 pending appeal;

21 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with  
22 counsel;

01 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
02 Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant  
03 is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose  
04 of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

05 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to  
06 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States  
07 Pretrial Services Officer.

08 DATED this 13th day of October, 2009.

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12 United States Magistrate Judge  
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